

Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

March 22, 2017 Meeting Notes

MCAB Members Present: Betsy Ballard, Julia Doherty, Lynda Honberg, Peter Lowet, Wilbur Malloy, Marie Mann, Mayur Mody, Agnes Saenz, Langston Smith, Wayne Swann

MCAB Members Absent: Stephen Gammarino, Sybil Greenhut, T.J. Senker

DHHS Staff: Magda Brown, Tara Clemons, Doreen Kelly, Robert Morrow

County Council Staff: Linda McMillan

Primary Care Coalition: Rose Botchway, Barbara Raskin, Hillery Tumba

Guest: Sharon Holquin, Kevin Mell for T.J. Senker, Crystal Townsend

The Vice Chair, Wayne Swann, called the meeting to order at 6:16pm

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<p>Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2017 meeting</p> <p>Wilbur requested to amend the minutes to include Mayur Mody as one of the MCAB members attending the meeting with Chuck Short on page 3, item 6 (FY18 Advocacy: Updates)</p> <p><i>Moved by Agnes Saenz. Seconded by Wilbur Malloy</i> <i>The motion was approved unanimously.</i></p>	None	None	None
2.	<p>Chair Report</p> <p>Wayne highlighted the agenda and briefed members on the BCC Annual Meeting with the County Executive held March 21, 2017. Wayne briefed the Executive on the Behavioral Health report, implementing Montgomery Cares 2.0 and FY18 Advocacy.</p> <p>Wayne gave Lynda Honberg the floor to introduce Sharon Holquin. Sharon is the tentative new patient representative for MCAB having previously utilized the County Dental Clinic. Her membership is currently pending confirmation. Sharon introduced herself and detailed that she is very active in the Montgomery County community. Currently, she is assisting with the County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and looks forward to working with MCAB.</p>	Wayne Swann		

<p>3. Senior Administrator's Report See Report and handout</p> <p>Doreen announced to the Board that the County Executive FY18 recommended Budget was released March 14th and Public Health Services had very few proposed program reductions. Of the five programs, there was only a \$40,000 proposed reduction in the Montgomery Cares program for the contractual PCC I.T. services. However, there is also a proposed 1% reduction for nearly all contracts.</p> <p>Lynda Honberg mentioned to the Board that the impact the cuts would have on the programs should be part of the advocacy discussion.</p> <p><u>Monthly Status Report</u> (see handout)</p> <p>Doreen reviewed the February data for the Health Care for the Uninsured programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery Cares experienced a 5% increase in number of patients seen through February compared with a year ago, and a 2% increase in encounters. • The Care for Kids Program continued its growth trend with 168 new enrollees in February. The total enrolled to date is 23% higher than this time last year, which was a very high enrollment year • Maternity Partnership Program continues to follow a trend of a lower enrollment than last year. The program's year to date enrollment average is currently 6% lower than last year. • Dental Services increased the number of uninsured residents served by 25% compared with the first seven months of last year, primarily due to the increased number of dental providers that have been recruited and are now on board. • The number of primary care encounters for Homeless Health is currently 57% higher than it was for the same period last year, partially due to the complex medical issues of many of these clients. • All Montgomery Cares Advisory Board members are now required to complete the Maryland Open Meetings Act Training and Parliamentary Procedure training. Tara mentioned that she would send an email out with additional information. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnes wanted more information on the \$40,000 PCC Clinic IT reduction. Doreen mentioned that a similar amount remained unspent in this line of budget last Fiscal Year. It is likely the CE based his decision on this information. 	<p>Doreen Kelly</p>	<p>Send email with information</p>	<p>Tara Clemons</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>4. County Council Grant Review See Attachments</p> <p>Tara provided information regarding MCAB member's decisions and comments on the grants as well as the FY18 County Executive Grant recommendations. The documents provided included a list of community grants that were recommended by the County Executive for organizations affiliated with Montgomery Cares, and a list of the MCAB members' comments for each of the Council grant applications. A few organizations applied for County Executive and Council grants for the same program and funding.</p>	<p>Tara Clemons</p>			

	<p>Tara stated that the Board would go over the main review points from each reviewed grant and discuss if there were any concerns. If a MCAB member has a conflict of interest, s/he was to leave the room during the discussion.</p> <p>The Board discussed the 18 Council Grant Requests and cast votes of Yes, Yes with Considerations, No and whether to approve the amount requested or a reduced amount. A memo with the Board's recommendations will be submitted to the Council.</p> <p>The Board agreed to review the grants process and procedures for the next Fiscal Year. This will be an agenda item at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Compile grant recommendations and submit to Council staff.</p> <p>Discuss the grants process for next FY</p>	<p>Tara Clemons</p> <p>MCAB members</p>	<p>3/31/17</p> <p>April or May Meeting</p>
6.	<p>FY18 Advocacy Update</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lynda Honberg</p> <p>Lynda and Mayur briefed members on the meeting of the joint advocates (HCLC, PCC and MCAB) held 3/20/17. The advocates do not support the cuts and have included the proposed reductions as part of their advocacy. Lynda shared that Nonprofit Montgomery is putting together a consortium including EveryMind (formerly Mental Health Association), Interfaith Works and a few other organizations and questioned if members would like to join. Tara reminded members that as a County Executive Appointed Board, MCAB cannot take actions outside of what is delegated within their enabling legislation. If MCAB would like to formally support the consortium, the Board would need to consult the Office of Intergovernmental Relations. Individual members of the Board are free to participate in their personal capacity. When engaged in personal political activity, members should exercise caution in identifying their association with MCAB. The Board agreed to address the proposed reductions in their general advocacy statement.</p> <p>Based on the County Executive's FY18 proposed budget, released March 14th the advocacy committee recommended these changes to its previous draft recommendations regarding the FY18 Advocacy budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Care for Kids: Revise the budget request from \$100,000 to \$78,983 (including indirect) to provide direct medical services including primary care, specialty care and specialty dental. ▪ Reverse proposed 1% across the board funding cut to Health Care for the Uninsured Contracts ▪ Restore \$40,000 in funding for clinical IT support for Montgomery Cares <p>Tara will re-send the budget based on the changes that were discussed. Steve will work on developing the narrative and the advocacy committee will continue its meetings with the County Council members.</p> <p><i>Motion to modify the advocacy budget with new figures: Lynda Honberg</i> <i>Seconded: Julia Doherty</i> <i>Unanimously approved</i></p>			

9.	Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm <i>Motion to adjourn: Agnes Saenz</i> <i>Seconded: Julia Doherty</i> <i>Unanimously approved</i>			
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Respectfully submitted,



Tara Clemons
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